

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 13, 2014

The Supervisors' Meeting was called to order on October 13, 2014, by Chairman, Brian R. Wiker, at 7:00 p.m., at the Township Building. Also present were Vice-Chairman, Jeff Burkholder, and Secretary-Treasurer, Rodney D. May.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation prior to conducting meeting business.

APPROVE MINUTES

There was a motion by Jeff Burkholder, seconded by Rodney D. May, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board of Supervisors received the Treasurer's Report, List No. 10, dated October 13, 2014, for the month of September 2014, showing receipts of \$80,762.81 in the General Account. There were no receipts shown in the State Account. \$15,000.00 was deposited in the Park and Recreation Account. Expenses in the General Account were \$91,817.50. There were no expenses in the State Account. Expenses in the Park and Recreation Account were \$680.00.

PLGIT Account Balances as of September 30, 2014 are as follows:

General Account:	\$167,694.72
State Account:	\$116,911.11
Equipment Fund:	\$ 30,109.89
Park and Recreation Account	\$ 24,458.08
PLGIT Plus:	\$ 250,066.31

Certificates of Deposit

Ephrata National Bank	\$131,515.78
Jonestown Bank & Trust	\$227,071.35
State Farm	\$143,452.18
Susquehanna Bank	\$111,779.86
Susquehanna Bank	\$100,000.00
Graystone Bank	\$150,000.00

PAY BILLS

There was a motion by Jeff Burkholder, seconded by Rodney D. May, to pay the bills on List No. 10, dated October 13, 2014, in the amount of \$137,769.27, as well as to retroactively approve payment of all expenses in all accounts in September 2014, amounting to \$92,497.50, a total of \$230,266.77. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT

The Zoning Officer reported for the month of September 2014 that three zoning permits were issued at a total valuation of \$26,503.00.

SEWAGE REPORT

The Sewage Enforcement Officer reported for the month of September 2014 that two sewage permits were issued for repairs. The Sewage Enforcement Officer performed five soils analysis test pit tests and one percolation test. Two applications were received, two designs were approved and there were two inspections.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT REPORT

Bob Lynn of Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc. submitted a report outlining the following activity for the month of September 2014: Conducted miscellaneous telephone consultations regarding storm water management and water supply activities and permits; discussed various ordinance enforcement and interpretation issues with the Zoning Officer and Township staff; prepared developer invoices for ongoing projects; prepared monthly report.

There were inspections for escrow reduction requests at the Estates at Pinecrest project and Melvin Burkholder site.

A Minor Plan was reviewed for LAN-Brickerville at the Mervin Miller property.

Barry R. Wagner processed no stormwater management permits in September 2014. There was one exemption.

PARK BOARD

No report.

INTERN'S REPORT

Billy Clauser, Intern shared by Warwick Township, Elizabeth Township and Lititz Borough, provided the Board with his project list of accomplishments from August and September 2014. Billy's work for Elizabeth Township involved GPS field work collecting MS4 data.

BURNING ORDINANCE

No incidents reported.

BRICKERVILLE FIRE COMPANY

The fire company responded to 13 fire calls in September 2014. The ambulance responded to 50 dispatches in September 2014 and the fire police responded to seven dispatches.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Road Superintendent, Glenn Martin, submitted a monthly activity report. Work activity in September 2014 included the following: Completed the widening and paving of Reifsnyder Road as well as the related shoulder and seeding work; filled in road edges on various Township roads; paved the widened portion of Lake View Drive and graded the shoulder; trimmed trees and brush around the Township; weed-eated around guiderails and intersections; chip patched with Martin's Paving; installed drain tile in the drainage swale at the Township park and cleaned up the remaining stone; hauled mulch to be used on the large tree beds at the park; performed equipment maintenance as needed.

A depression was repaired on Snavely Mill Road at the mill race.

Road inspection was held on September 20th to discuss possible projects for 2015.

Road salt was received, at an increase of approximately \$10.00 per ton from last season's rates.

Glenn questioned how to handle the water treatment system in the bathrooms at the Township Park for testing purposes inasmuch as the red warning light is on. It was suggested that Glenn wait until spring for testing since the bathrooms will be closed at the end of October. There was no problem with a water sample test recently taken.

CORRESPONDENCE

Information was received regarding the Lititz Area Mennonite School Trash-a-Thon which was scheduled for October 9, 2014, with a rain date of October 16, 2014.

The Board of Supervisors was provided with the Lititz Public Library October 2014 Calendar of Events and information on a special Story Time at the Elizabeth Township Office on November 4th.

United States Senator Patrick Toomey replied to the Board's letter and resolution of opposition on the Environmental Protection Agency's plan to expand its permitting authority. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Bill to limit EPA administrative actions. The Bill is now before the U. S. Senate and the Township requests Senate support of the legislation.

Based on information provided in the PSATS News Bulletin, the Board will request state representatives to oppose HB 2408 which would amend the Sunshine Law to require local governments to place additional legal advertisements at least 24 hours prior to every public meeting including detailed agenda information. If an item is not listed in an advertisement, the item could not be discussed and official action could not be taken on the item.

Northwest Emergency Medical Services, Inc. provided its annual report for 2013 as well as financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013. This organization provides some limited service to Elizabeth Township.

Lititz Community Center, Inc. provided the Board of Supervisors with membership information tracking data from 2010 to 2014. As of October 7, 2014, there were 268 membership units from Elizabeth Township. The 2014 Playground Program Overview was also provided to the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Wiker Plan

Ted Cromleigh of Diehm and Sons Surveyors attended the meeting and briefly reviewed the Eleanor L. Wiker Final Subdivision Plan with the Board. No new construction is proposed in this Plan that was designed primarily for estate planning purposes. A motion was made by Rodney D. May, seconded by Jeff Burkholder, to sign the Eleanor L. Wiker Final Subdivision Plan. The motion carried. Brian R. Wiker abstained from voting.

Estates at Pinecrest - Bond reduction request

A letter was received from the Estates at Pinecrest requesting a Bond reduction. The request was reviewed by the Township engineer with recommendations made related to financial security held for storm water facilities, erosion and sedimentation controls, street improvements and as-built plans and inspections. The Township engineer recommended a Bond reduction of \$54,134.92 with financial security in the amount of \$53,021.49, including the contingency, continuing to be held by the Township for completion of the project. However, the engineer noted that his office has no record of the installation and inspection of portions of the project. A motion was made by Brian R. Wiker, seconded by Jeff Burkholder, to table action on the bond reduction until the improvements are reviewed and inspected by the township engineer. Motion carried. Supervisor May would like to know if the developer plans to keep the street or dedicate it to the Township.

Snow & Ice \$16.00

A motion was made by Rodney D. May, seconded by Brian W. Wiker, to keep the hourly wage rate paid to temporary snow and ice control employees for the 2014/2015 winter season at \$16.00. Motion carried.

Trick or Treat 10-31-14 6 to 8

A motion was made by Brian R. Wiker, seconded by Rodney D. May, to set Friday, October 31, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., as Trick or Treat Night in Elizabeth Township. Motion carried.

Jason Garman vs. Elizabeth Twp. ZHB – Township Intervention

A motion was made by Brian R. Wiker, seconded by Rodney D. May, to authorize the Township solicitor to submit an Entry of Appearance and Notice of Intervention in the Zoning Hearing Board matter of Jason Garman vs. Elizabeth Township Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried. Supervisor Wiker and Supervisor May provided some background on the matter that came before the zoning hearing board and why the Board of Supervisors decided to intervene. It was noted the Supervisors’ decision to intervene is not to be taken as a criticism of the Zoning Hearing Board.

Township Park

The restrooms will probably be closed at the Township Community Park at the end of October. Appreciation was expressed to the public works staff for completing the drain tile and drainage swale project and for all the work done in the park throughout the spring, summer and fall.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hershey Road Speed Limit Sign Request

Mary Turner, 112 Melony Lane, and several of her neighbors, attended the meeting to request the posting of a speed limit sign on Hershey Road. There is no sign currently posted and Ms. Turner noted that speeding on the road is hazardous. She is hopeful that a posted sign would remind people that it is a residential neighborhood with children that walk on Hershey Road to and from school buses. Resident, Jodi May, suggested that Ms. Turner contact the school district and request a safety study of the road to possibly get a bus stop off Hershey Road. A motion was made by Brian R. Wiker, seconded by Jeff Burkholder, to post a speed limit sign on Hershey Road. Motion carried.

Tail to Tell

Jodi May questioned if the Board reached any decisions regarding the concept of the 5K Run in and around the Park in the spring to benefit “A Tail to Tell.” The Board asked Jodi to come to the November Park Board meeting for more discussion on details but noted that a small scale event is what the Supervisors would prefer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rodney D. May publicly thanked State Representative Mindy Fee for hosting an informational meeting in Manheim on the new floodplain mapping and related flood insurance requirements.

Supervisor May expressed appreciation to Lt. Jeremy Richard for his assistance in providing contact information to the Board so that arrangements could be made for a portable speed monitor to be set up on Route 322. Appreciation was also expressed to Richard Ferguson of PennDOT for actual placement of the monitor.

Tom Pasker
\$1,400
siding

A motion was made by Rodney D. May, seconded by Jeff Burkholder, to authorize local contractor, Tom Pasker, to replace damaged siding on the Township Building at an estimated cost of \$1,400.00. Motion carried. It was agreed to use white siding.

The Budget Preparation Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at the Township Building, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, November 10, 2014, at the Township Building, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brian R. Wiker, seconded by Rodney D. May , to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Rodney D. May
Secretary-Treasurer